



Retro Revival

March 2025 Edition

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**Empowering women always.
This Women's History Month, stop
by the Care Closet @ NKU and help
support Mother Earth through
sustainable shopping efforts.**

Hey NKU! March is Women's History Month and we want to highlight the women of NKU! We have some great articles lined up to showcase the incredible impact that women have on the NKU community!

Care Closet @ NKU Grand Re-Open House

March 19, 2025 | 12-2pm | UC 142

Join us as we celebrate the grand re-opening of the Care Closet @ NKU. We will open back up our doors to the public and let you in to see all of the amazing new improvements that have been made in collaboration with the amazing team over in NKU's Planning, Design, & Construction!

We will have cake and light refreshments. Stop by anytime after 12pm to eat a slice and find your new favorite outfit for Spring!



Care Closet @ NKU x Fraternity and Sorority Life: March Mannequins

This month, our mannequins have been decorated by NKU Panhellenic. NKU Panhellenic provides a support system for all students on campus; whether that's giving students a sense of community via academic support groups, through philanthropy and service, or fun programming events for the wider campus community. NKU Panhellenic promotes scholarship, leadership development, and community service. They also coordinate sorority recruitment for the Norse community.

Important Dates & Reminders

Spring Break is right around the corner! March 10th-23rd take a few days to relax, rejuvenate, and come back to rock the rest of the semester!

Monday, March 24th, is the last day to drop a full-term course with a W. Please keep this date in mind to avoid unnecessary stress when switching out of a class that just wasn't working this semester.

Click [here](#) for more important dates throughout the semester.



Women's History Month Celebrations

This March, we're celebrating *Women's History Month*! This annual celebration is an opportunity to recognize contributions made by women in all fields of civil rights, social progress, and human achievement. From the first suffragettes who fought tirelessly for voting equality, to the women fighting for our country on the front lines, to female educators and healthcare workers who work to teach the disenfranchised and heal the sick. This month, we'd also like to recognize the women who are students here at NKU, who work tirelessly to further research, start organizations benefiting campus, or work multiple jobs while pursuing their degree. You are recognized, and we thank you for continuing to help NKU grow and prosper. Norse are stronger with you.

NKU Events

- **Wise Women of NKU Reception** | March 31, 3-4pm | Student Union 109
 - Come celebrate the Women of NKU! Event Hosted by the Valkyries Employee Resource Group.

NKY & Cincinnati Events

- **Women's Initiative Annual Breakfast** | March 4 | 7:30-10:30am | Turfway Park Racing & Gaming
 - Annual Breakfast 2025 "The Craft of Empowerment: Fresh Perspectives for Success," will feature keynote speaker Tia Edwards sharing how her business, Fresh Bourbon Distillery, has enabled her to craft success in business her way.
- **Flight 88 Women's History Month Concert** | March 18, 6:30-8 | Urban Artifact (1660 Blue Rock Street, Cincinnati, OH, 45223)
 - Free | Celebration concert of women's contributions to music! Repertoire will include solo and chamber works by living women composers.

- **Sunset Solutions: Bad @\$\$ Women of Cincinnati History** | March 18, 6:00-7:30 | CCAC (3412 Clifton Ave, Cincinnati, OH, 45220)
 - \$10 (\$12 day of) | In honor of Women's History Month, join the Clifton Cultural Arts Center for an empowering evening as they recount the stories of Cincinnati's most formidable women — activists, visionaries, and pioneers who defied norms and refused to be well behaved. Discover their incredible contributions and enduring legacies, and leave with a renewed sense of pride and motivation.
 - https://cliftonculturalarts.org/ccac-events/sunset-salons-bada-women-of-cincinnati-history/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

Upcoming CC Events

March 5 - Groovy Splash Bag Bash
Outside UC 1st floor | 1:30-4pm

Add a pop of color to your shopping routine by creating a rad, reusable bag with some tie-dye magic with the Care Closet @ NKU!

MAR 5
GROOVY SPLASH BAG BASH

1:30-4pm | UC 1st Floor, Under the Bridge

Add a pop of color to your shopping routine by creating a rad, reusable bag with some tie-dye magic with the Care Closet! These reusable bags can be used on your next shopping trip!

Did you know? A cotton bag should be used at least 7,100 times to be a truly environmentally friendly alternative to a conventional plastic bag. If you have extra reusable bags at home, consider donating them to the Care Closet @ NKU!

#NKUCARECLOSET


Huge thanks to Engage KY & Stego Studio for their support of this program. Engage KY awarded the Care Closet @ NKU with a mini grant that provided the canvas bags for free! We collaborated with the team in Stego Studio to develop a new Care Closet @ NKU stamp that will be featured on each bag!

MAR 21
TRANSFORM YOUR STYLE

4-6pm UC 135

Collaboration with TGI & SAFE

This event is a fantastic opportunity for **trans and queer students** to explore diverse fashion choices while promoting sustainability. Bring your gently used clothing items, swap them for something new, and express your unique identity. We will also have options available to browse. Not only will you refresh your wardrobe, but you'll also connect with a supportive community that celebrates individuality and inclusivity. Join us for a Friday of fashion, fun, and friendship!

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March 21 - TRANSform our Style with The Gender Initiative
Student Union 302 | 4-6 pm

This event is a fantastic opportunity for trans and queer students to explore diverse fashion choices while promoting sustainability. Bring your gently used clothing items, swap them for something new, and express your unique identity. The Care Closet @ NKU will also have options available. Not only will you refresh your wardrobe, but you'll also connect with a supportive community that celebrates individuality and inclusivity. Join us for a day of fashion, fun, and friendship!

Student Highlight - Meagan Smith

This month, the Care Closet @NKU would like to highlight a very special student in honor of Women's History Month. Our student highlight is 32-year-old elementary education major & amazing mom of three, Meagan Smith. Megan graduates this May with honors.

Meagan is originally from Southern California but was part of a military family that lived all over the country. Eventually, she ended up in Cincinnati where she met her husband. She then settled down in Bethel, Ohio where they live with their three children.



When asked about herself, Meagan said, "Sometimes I feel I am nothing more than a mother and a student, then I remember how much I love being outdoors, reading books, and drinking coffee. I graduated high school in California in 2010 with B's and C's, then went back to college in 2021, and that was a huge adjustment, especially because my youngest is about to be 3 years old and I graduate in May. However, I am graduating with a 3.9 GPA. Something I never anticipated! I have built so much confidence and belief in myself since being at NKU."

Meagan first learned about the Care Closet @ NKU through University Connect and Persist (UCAP). She said she was hesitant at first but with the encouragement of Caitlin Drouillard-Ahrlachs, Program Coordinator & her LIFT scholarship advisor, she decided to go. She says, "They provided not just clothing but also kindness and support. After having my third child, I struggled to afford professional clothes, but thanks to the Care Closet, I now have outfits that make me feel confident and ready for success."

Meagan gives credit to the Care Closet @ NKU for showing her the care that NKU has for its students. She said "no matter your background, where you come from, who you are, they support you. Thanks to the Care Closet, I can confidently attend interviews and clinicals, knowing I look professional. The level of support here is inspiring and life changing." She also states the important role that resources such as the Care Closet @ NKU and FUEL NKU play on campus saying "These resources are invaluable. As women, we tend to take on everything and help everyone before we help ourselves! With the help of the Care Closet, FUEL, UCAP, PAC, ATC, and so much more, some of our burdens are lifted. I have gotten lunch for myself at times and for my children when needed while at NKU for long days, I have gotten grants to help with childcare, and clothes to help with my career success. As a woman, it is so hard to have the weight of school, jobs, children, finances, and more on our shoulders. With programs like these at NKU, it relieves that stress and builds not only support but a foundation of trust and love so that we can be successful."

Meagan has truly shown what women can do at NKU. She has succeeded in so many ways and has shown that when using the resources around you, you can truly thrive.

As Meagan gets ready to graduate this spring, she leaves the women of NKU with these words, "...take the leap. Always keep pushing forward because there were so

many times I thought about putting my academic career on hold because of life with kids and money. NKU advisors and programs like UCAP helped me to break down my goals, help me reach those goals, and build on my success. I have had so much support throughout my four years here and you can too. You must reach out for help - as hard as I know that can be for some (me too), you just have to. The support NKU gives to us as women is incredible, but you must be able to take that first step and continue to believe in yourself. We are strong! One day at a time, reach out to professors, programs, advisors, and they will get you there. ... I want women to know that it's possible. You might doubt yourself, but I promise—you can do this. There will be ups and downs, but take it one day at a time, breathe, and trust yourself. You are not alone. NKU has built a community of support—jump in, take chances, and believe in yourself. You got this!"

We want to thank Meagan for taking the time to answer our questions and for being part of the Care Closet @NKU family.

March into Full Bloom: Blazers at NKU

This March, we have many professional development events coming to NKU. What better time than to break out a blazer? Blazers can be worn over graphic tees, sweaters, polos, and even an NKU sweatshirt. They can be paired down, like with a vogue pair of cropped jeans, or styled up, over a dress or jumpsuit. Coming in many different fits, styles, and colors, blazers can be incredibly versatile. Blazers are also perfect for Spring, being a staple and transitional clothing piece as we advance into milder weather. You can find many blazers at the Care Closet to mix and match with any piece from your wardrobe.



LGBTQA+ Initiatives - Ally Week 2025

Each year, LGBTQA+ Initiatives hosts Ally week. This is a week of education, communication, and celebration with the allies of the LGBTQA+ community here at NKU. This year, they will host multiple events during the week of March 24th through March 28. These events include **Ally Training** hosted by LGBTQA+ director Dr. LaVette Burnette on March 24th at 5pm in SU 302. The next event will be **Ally Karaoke**. This event will be part of a program in Q-PLUS called Whimsical Wednesday. These take place every other Wednesday and allow students to build community in a more relaxed fashion than their usual bi-weekly meetings. Ally Karaoke will take place in SU 102 on March 26th at 5pm. Finally, LGBTQA+ Initiatives will host **Pizza and Paint** day. This will take place in UC 135 on March 27th at noon.

We hope to see you there!



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